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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/502,675	YAMAZAKI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Evan Pert	2829

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION

- Extension of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Extension of time may be granted by the Office on request for good cause shown, even if timely filed, provided the application becomes ABANDONED (37 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months from the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.705(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-44 and 81-85 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-26 and 83 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-17,27-44,81,82,84 and 85 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. 66, 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
 Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
 Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 18-26 and 83 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction requirement in the paper dated 8-15-03.
2. Applicant's remarks with respect to claims 27-35 [36], 84 [and 85] are noted. Claims 27-35, 84 and 85 are rejoined. The restriction requirement is otherwise made final with pending claims 18-26 and 83 drawn to features not including an overlap of impurity with gate electrode.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 27-44, 81-82 and 84-85 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art does not disclose a semiconductor device with a pixel section and a driver section having the particularly claimed arrangements of impurity regions (i.e. LDD regions) that either overlap or do not overlap with a gate electrode. The examiner maintains that the claim recitations of numerated features such as "first" and "third" necessarily implies the existence of intervening numerated features such as a "second," which makes sense in view of the disclosed working embodiments having transistors corresponding to transistors and transistor impurity regions in the claims.

Conclusion

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Cancel claims 18-26 and 83, non-elected with traverse.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan Pert whose telephone number is 703-306-5689.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30AM-3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammie Cuneo can be reached on 703-308-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 308-0956.



EVAN PERT
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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